

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2233

Introduced by Assembly Member Maze

February 20, 2008

An act to add Section 23118 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2233, as introduced, Maze. Vehicles: transportation of animals.

(1) Existing law prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle while transporting an animal in the back of the vehicle in a space intended for a load on the vehicle on a highway, unless specified conditions are met, with exceptions related to livestock, ranching, and farming.

Under existing law, a violation of the Vehicle Code is an infraction, unless otherwise provided.

This bill would prohibit a person from driving a motor vehicle while holding a live animal in his or her arm or arms, or upon his or her lap. Because this bill would create a new crime, it would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23118 is added to the Vehicle Code, to
2 read:
3 23118. A person shall not drive a motor vehicle while holding
4 a live animal in his or her arm or arms, or upon his or her lap.
5 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
6 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
7 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
8 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
9 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
10 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
11 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
12 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
13 Constitution.

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